



REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ARAB STATES

Regional Programme 2025 Results

14

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20,141

Learners engaged in the skills development.

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People benefited from climate resilience solutions.

1,308

Entrepreneurs and SMEs trained in sustainable innovation.

4.15

Million USD mobilized for climate-secure urban services.

In 2025, the Regional Programme for Arab States translated regional cooperation into concrete contributions that complemented country level efforts across shared development priorities. The Programme advanced four outcomes: reducing poverty and inequality through enhanced regional cooperation, inclusive economic growth, and expanded livelihoods; strengthening governance accountability through more transparent, participatory, and resilient institutions; addressing climate change by promoting climate -resilient development, sound water management, and access to sustainable energy; and empowering women and youth through greater participation, skills development, livelihoods, and leadership opportunities. Results reflected stronger connections between regional platforms, country-level implementation and financing, supporting more consistent delivery of results despite ongoing fragility, climate risks, and economic pressures.



21,960 Future Skills Academy learners.

Poverty and inequality reduced through enhanced regional cooperation



NATIONAL PLANNING INFORMED BY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

5 countries applied human development analysis through National Human Development Reports processes to inform long-term national planning and policy decisions.

- Algeria**
- Egypt**
- Iraq**
- Libya**
- Bahrain**

REGIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT KNOWLEDGE GENERATED AND APPLIED

UNDP produced the sub regional 2024 Horn of Africa Human Development Report, a joint effort of UNDP’s Africa and Arab States regional bureaux, which reframed the narrative in the Horn of Africa by moving beyond conflict driven challenges to highlight future opportunities and the potential of regional integration across eight countries, including three Arab States.

- Djibouti**
- Somalia**
- Sudan**

UNDP strengthened regional human development knowledge by developing a Food Systems research paper with ESCWA and FAO to support transformation in Arab States, convening a regional workshop for dialogue and exchange, and contributing to Arab Vision 2045 priorities through a consultation held alongside the United Nations General Assembly with the League of Arab States and ESCWA.



Governance accountability increased to foster more resilient communities



LEGAL AND REGULATORY REFORM PROPOSALS ADVANCED THROUGH SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGE




5 **legal and regulatory reform proposals** were formulated with the support of South- South exchange mechanisms to strengthen national integrity and anti corruption frameworks. These included Iraq’s National Strategy to enhance integrity 2025 to 2030, monitoring units for service delivery in Tunisia’s Ministry of Water, and three reform proposals in Lebanon on private sector integrity, expanding the National Anti-Corruption Commission mandate, and the national anti-corruption strategy.

REGIONAL STUDIES / PAPERS DEVELOPED TO FOSTER EVIDENCE-BASED DIALOGUE ON ACHIEVEMENT OF SDG 16 TARGETS

4 **regional studies and policy papers** were developed to support evidence based regional dialogue on anti corruption and advance progress towards SDG 16 in the Arab States region. The studies addressed governance challenges linked to climate action, youth engagement, conflict prevention and private sector development, helping strengthen accountability frameworks and inform regional policy discussions.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE STRENGTHENED

644
participants supported in capacity-building activities on integrity, accountability, and anti-corruption frameworks, with 88% representing governmental institutions.

-  **Iraq**
-  **Jordan**
-  **Lebanon**



ANTI-CORRUPTION AND INTEGRITY FRAMEWORKS STRENGTHENED

6 countries advanced alignment with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), including the development or update of national anti-corruption strategies in three countries.

- State of Palestine
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Jordan
- Tunisia
- Egypt

REGIONAL INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY NETWORKS EXPANDED

The Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) expanded from 18 to 20 countries, enabling ministries and NGOs in 7 countries to apply harmonized integrity tools.

53 ministries

25 NGOs

- Egypt
- Jordan
- Tunisia
- Lebanon
- State of Palestine
- Iraq
- Morocco

CONFLICT PREVENTION AND INSIDER MEDIATION CAPACITIES SUSTAINED

3 insider-mediation networks remained operational and embedded in three countries, supporting community-level conflict prevention and social cohesion.

- Lebanon
- Jordan
- Sudan

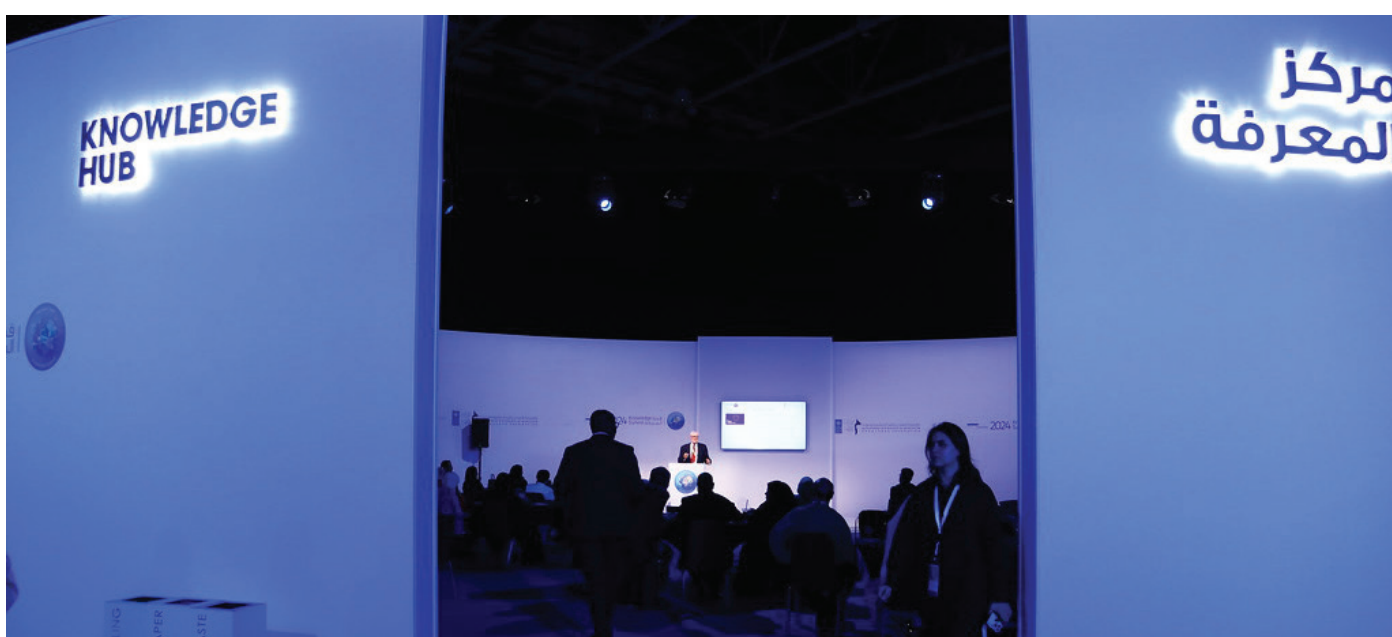


DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ADVANCED

A **Regional Digital Policy Framework** was developed and launched in partnership with the Ooredoo group, seeking to guide Arab States's in building secure, inclusive, and sustainable digital economies.

An **Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights Conference** was conducted in Doha, which contributed to the adoption of the Doha Declaration on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights.

An **Artificial Intelligence Umbrella Initiative** was launched through Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development (**AI4SD**) to promote Artificial Intelligence models and platforms responsive to human development.



Impact of climate change reduced, sound water management promoted, and access to sustainable energy improved



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SOLUTIONS SUPPORTED

UNDP Supported the Regional Climate Security Network (RCSN) and its continued engagement through 2025 across 29 member organizations.

15,500 people benefited directly.

49,000 people benefited indirectly.

6500 women accessed new income opportunities, training, micro-loans and sustainable energy services.

7 country-level initiatives

- Jordan**
- Egypt**
- Tunisia**
- Iraq**
- State of Palestine**
- Yemen**

State of Palestine

2.35 **Million USD** catalyzed in private finance for solar PV and in renewable energy investments for climate security.

Jordan

2.0 **Million USD** mobilized around climate-resilient water and livelihood solutions.

Tunisia

4.15 **Million USD** invested climate-secure urban services.




Women and youth empowered for a more inclusive and sustainable future



ENGAGED ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITIES

20,141 learners engaged in the skills development community.

9,680 Females  48.1%

10,461 Males  51.9%

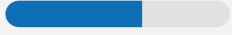

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ADVANCED

997 women benefited from income opportunities, skills development, training, micro-loans and more sustainable livelihood services.

YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ADVANCED

196 youth supported through access to livelihoods, employability, and income-generating opportunities.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS IN WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

5,000  55% Females
 45% Males

In addition, the engaged learners' community reached **34,902** individuals through the Coursera platform, reflecting diverse representation across countries, age groups, gender, disability status, and rural and urban areas.

ENTREPRENEURS AND SMES TRAINED

1,308 entrepreneurs and SMEs trained in sustainable innovation and business development.

THE GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE INDEX (GKI) 2025 LAUNCHED






Expanding coverage to **195** countries and launched during the 10th Knowledge Summit in Dubai under the theme "Knowledge Markets: Developing Sustainable Communities."

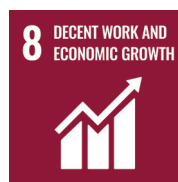


751,000 interactions with **141,000** visits and **282,000** page views on the Knowledge4All portal, and **350+** open-access knowledge products, up from **300+**.

21,960 learners enrolled in the Future Skills Academy generating **209,530** learning hours and **23,751** course completions.

14 legal reforms supported across **5** countries, under the Gender Justice and the Law initiative, addressing discriminatory provisions in violence against women and labour laws.

-  **Egypt**
-  **Kuwait**
-  **Jordan**
-  **Oman**
-  **Somalia**



Green Growth & Accelerator Project



In 2025, the Green Growth and Jobs Accelerator supported women-led enterprises in several countries including Tunisia and Egypt to strengthen their business models and expand market access, resulting in significant revenue growth for participating enterprises.

145% revenue growth of a supported women-led enterprise in Tunisia.

350% revenue growth of a supported women-led enterprise in Egypt.

In Tunisia, the Accelerator strengthened a digital platform enabling women artisans to reach new customers online by refining its business model and expanding online sales channels.

In Egypt, it supported an enterprise producing eco-friendly toys in collaboration with women artisans, facilitating its transition from reliance on social media sales to a more structured and scalable business model.

These examples demonstrate how targeted business support can translate into measurable commercial growth while creating jobs and additional income opportunities for women.



The Knowledge Project



In 2025, a major milestone under the Knowledge Project was the launch of the 2025 Global Knowledge Index (GKI), covering 195 countries, with 149 assessed through a comprehensive scoring framework.

This edition marked a transformation in the Index's structural and statistical methodology, strengthening its capacity to measure and analyse knowledge systems across key development sectors building on this milestone, the 2025 Global Knowledge Index represents a significant shift from measurement to impact, providing a more robust and policy relevant tool for governments and institutions. The Index underwent a transformation in its structural and statistical methodology, enhancing its analytical depth, transparency, and comparability across countries.

As global economies transition toward digital and green systems, the index positions knowledge as a central driver of economic productivity, competitiveness, and long term development. Evidence indicates that countries investing in knowledge systems achieve productivity levels exceeding the global average by over 35 percent, highlighting the direct link between knowledge capacity and economic performance.

Beyond benchmarking, the Index enables countries to identify structural gaps across key sectors, including education, research, ICT, economy, and governance, and to prioritize targeted reforms. It also supports more inclusive development pathways by addressing disparities in access to knowledge and emphasizing the role of youth as critical agents of innovation and future readiness.

Developed by UNDP in partnership with the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation, the Global Knowledge Index continues to serve as a global reference framework for understanding how knowledge systems can be leveraged to advance sustainable and inclusive human development.